PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Athletic Training (AT) Graduate Program at Slippery Rock University is a combination of rigorous academic instruction and authentic clinical experience. The AT Graduate Program prepares proficient healthcare practitioners to collaborate with other medical professionals to optimize the activity and wellness of patients and clients in sport, work, and life. Students will learn the science of athletic training with a focus on patient-centered injury and illness prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, return to activity, and exercise as medicine.

The AT Graduate Program is guided by the athletic training education competencies as well as the core program values of professionalism, respect, compassion, interprofessional education, evidence-based practice and student-centered learning. Students develop communication, decision-making, analytical, and altruistic skills necessary for proficient practice with a diverse population. Students need to possess select prerequisite knowledge, emergency care certification, and health and criminal clearances before beginning the program.

Students successfully completing the AT Graduate Program are eligible to take the Board of Certification (BOC), Inc. examination. Graduates who pass the BOC examination will be qualified to deliver quality healthcare in various employment settings (e.g. high schools, colleges, professional sports, industrial, military and performing arts), and will contribute to the global medical community by reducing healthcare costs, improving healthcare accessibility, preventing and managing diseases, and promoting wellness.

Individuals holding the BOC credential or are eligible to take the BOC examination are not candidates for the SRU AT Graduate Program.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The AT Graduate Program is unique because:

• Slippery Rock University has built a recognized reputation, not only in western Pennsylvania but throughout the United States in health, wellness and clinical sciences, and has gained recognition for the quality of faculty and program content in many ways.

• The undergraduate Athletic Training Program, established in 1974, has a history of excellence in the profession of athletic training with alumni across the state, country and world.

• The university sponsors several health and medical profession programs that engage in interprofessional education and practice.

• The graduate program is committed to providing diverse, authentic, and immersive clinical experiences.

• The Exercise is Medicine® initiative is infused in the program values.

ACCREDITATION

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education located at 6850 Austin Center Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731-3184. The program will have its next comprehensive review during the 2020-2021 academic year.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

All students successfully completing this program are eligible to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) examination. Additionally, athletic trainers must be registered in the state they practice. As regulations vary by state, please check the licensing board in your state.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

The AT Graduate Program will require 63 credits of classroom courses and clinical experiences offered sequentially over four consecutive semesters and two summers to promote progressive, higher-order learning over time. Students will matriculate full-time in a cohort.

Slippery Rock University undergraduate students enrolled in eligible majors with prerequisite courses will apply for admission during the third undergraduate year and be able to complete the SRU AT Graduate Program in a fifth year (3+2). Students with earned degrees and prerequisites will apply for admission and complete the AT Graduate Program in two years (4+2).

SRU is no longer accepting new students to pursue the undergraduate AT major after the fall 2016 semester as it transitions from the Bachelor of Science degree to a Master of Science degree. The last undergraduate cohort of students majoring in AT will graduate in the spring 2020.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CONT)

5. Resume/Curriculum Vitae

6. Evidence of 50 hours of clinical observation/shadowing with an athletic trainer

7. A successful interview (the most highly-qualified applicants will be invited for an interview)

Note: Upon formal admission to the program, the applicant is required to confirm the ability to meet the Technical Standards of the program. By July 1, the student must provide valid proof of Professional Rescuer Level CPR and First Aid Certification. Before participating in an assigned Athletic Training Clinical Experience and/or Advanced Athletic Training Clinical Residency, the student will need to provide valid proof of:

• PA State Criminal History Background Check (Act 34)
• PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form (Act 151)
• PA Department of Education or Department of Human Services FBI Federal Criminal History Record (Act 114) [depending on affiliate site assignment]
• PA child Abuse Recognition and Report Act (Act 126) [depending on affiliate site assignment]
• Innoculations current with OSHA requirements for healthcare providers
• Others as required by affiliate state

TUITION & ASSISTANSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

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The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

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